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YOUNG CLERK'S MANIA

FOR THEFT SHOWS HER TO BE THE
VICTIM OF KLEPTOMANIA IN
WORST STAGES.

HOLIDAY LADY CLERK AT BON TON
STOLE MONEY AND CONCEALED
PACKAGES OF VALUE.

Hidden Packages Containing Many Dol-
lars' Worth of Goods Are Found After
Her Dismissal--Clever Deceit Work is
Done to Entrap the Artful Though
Irresponsible Thief.

Several days ago the Telegram told
its readers of a remarkable case of
shop-lifting that occurred at the Bon
Ton store, in which the pocketbooks of
Mrs. Peters and others, lying on Mrs.
Peters' desk in the rear end of the store
had been depleted of their contents,
amounting in all to about ten dollars
in money.

For a few days there appeared to be
no clue, but a lady clerk who had been
employed for the holidays was strong-
ly suspected and was quietly watched.
At last it was decided to decoy her. So
a pocketbook of candy with paper on
it was prepared and laid on the desk,
where the theft had occurred. The
suspected girl appears to have bitten at
the bait, as it was noticed that her
mouth gave evidences of having taken
in something as hot as the pepper. She
was discharged without ceremony after
the discovery had been made.

Later developments revealed the fact
that it was not only a case of shop-
lifting, but also a desperate bit of
kleptomania, and that the guilty one
is afflicted in this way beyond responsi-
bility or control. While an organized
or systematic search was not made, yet
many things hidden in various portions
of the store have been accidentally
found. Wednesday afternoon Rev.
Peters, who has his headquarters for
Bibles and missionary tracts in the store
found packages hidden at the rear end
of the store, which contained articles
that amounted to thirty or forty dollars
in value, and now it is only a question
as to how great was the work of the
kleptomania. It is likely this will not
be ascertained until an inventory of the
large stock has been taken the first of
the year.

It is understood there will be no pro-
secution and the management has decided
it is best to withhold the name of the
person thus engaged.

JONES WAS ACQUITTED

Of the Charge of Stealing Turkeys
From J. T. Swager's Turkey Coop,
Before Magistrate Riley.

Albert Jones, colored, was acquitted
of the charge of stealing turkeys from
J. T. Swager's turkey coop in the rear
of the Swager hotel by Magistrate M.
S. Riley in Magistrate Gordon's court
Wednesday night. The prosecution
could not prove that Albert stole the
turkeys although it was brought out in
the evidence that he was seen in the
vicinity of the Swager house just prior
to the theft and was later seen with
the stolen fowls in his hands. The war-
rant against him was dismissed. Magis-
trate Riley conducted the hearing in the
absence of Magistrate Gordon. The
hearing attracted a large number of
people. At its conclusion Albert was
released from custody.

"The Marriage of Kitty" Coming.
Manager Jules Mury, who has presented
so many successful stars and plays,
has acquired all the American rights to
that brilliantly successful semi-musical
comedy, "The Marriage of Kitty," and
will soon present it here with a splendid
cast headed by those well known and
favorite players, Bettina Gerald and
Max Fugman. This fascinating comedy
was the great hit of last season in
New York and of the preceding year in
London. The scenery is extremely
beautiful and the electrical effects
which are striking and novel are cer-
tain to arouse enthusiastic applause
everywhere. They are exact duplicates
of the New York and London settings.

Will Celebrate Birthday.
Nellie, the charming little seven-
year-old daughter of Deputy Tax Com-
missioner Allen D. Fitzhugh, of Bridge-
port, will celebrate the anniversary of
her birth Christmas at her father's
home. Several of her young friends
have been invited and a very pleasant
time is expected.

MR. WEBB REPLIES

To the Charge Made Against Him of
Whipping Pupil Too Hard and
Explains Case.

C. E. Webb, accused by Mrs. Joseph
Graff of whipping her son at the Adams-
ton school on December 14, says an in-
vestigation of matters that did not occur.

Mr. Webb says through a matter of
courtesy Mr. Stout, the humane agent,
might have taken twenty more steps
and heard his side of the incident in-
stead of leaving without making an ef-
fort to see him. He denies that he used
a willow switch or that it was broken.

The boy threw the torpedo against
the store but he was not punished for
that. He told the boy to take his seat,
but no sooner had he done that than he
jumped up on the top of a bench and
told another boy he did not have to sit
down. Webb said nothing until school
took up and then he said to the boy he
was sure he did not do it on purpose
and that he was sorry he had done it.
Then he informed him that he would
punish him for disobedience by depriving
him of his usual liberty, that of
coasting that noon. The boy remarked
that he would ride down the hill on the
sled and was otherwise impudent and
sassy. Then Mr. Webb told him he
would not be permitted to coast any
more that week.

The boy then turned around in his
seat and talked to another boy behind
him. The teacher kindly asked him to
turn around. He asked him a second
time but the boy failed to obey. Mr.
Webb then stepped to a bookcase, pick-
ed up the switch and whipped him over
the shoulders with the boy still sitting.
The boy still refused and Webb asked
him to step out on the floor. He did
this and the teacher hit him three times
on the legs with the switch. He then
took his seat. During the whipping the
boy made no outcry except to say "ouch"
once. Fifteen minutes afterward at
recess the boy asked the teacher to get
him a recreation for Friday, thus show-
ing we was no ill-feeling between
teacher and pupil. He told one of the
teachers that he had acted mean and
been whipped.

The boy went home at noon and did
not come back until the next evening,
when he told Mr. Webb that he had
come after his books. He also stated
that he wanted to come to school but
that his mother would not let him.

Mr. Webb is recognized as one of the
leading and best teachers in the county
and the motive of the complainant
against him seems merely to be to do
him an injury. The trustees and the
patrons of the school generally, how-
ever, give no credence to the complaint
and have confidence in Mr. Webb to
properly instruct and govern the chil-
dren under his charge as teacher.

Funeral of Mrs. Murphy.

The funeral of Mrs. Malinda R. Mur-
phy, wife of Samuel Murphy, at
Adams-ton, will take place this after-
noon at the residence at 3:30 o'clock and
will be conducted by Rev. S. A. Shana-
berger. Interment will follow in the
Crittico cemetery near Wilsonburg. The
deceased was 57 years of age and the
mother of thirteen children, seven of
whom are dead. The surviving children
are John, Frank, Casswell and Sarah,
of Adams-ton, and Mrs. Alice Booth,
of Middlesboro, Randolph county. The
widow husband also survives.

HOO HOO WILL MEET

In City of Charleston Next Month Some-
time--Event Will Be a
Big Occasion.

The Hoo Hoo of this state will hold
a convention some time next month
in Charleston and "black cats" from this
city will attend. The last meeting was
held at Parsons a few weeks ago and
was quite successful. The Charleston
meeting is expected to be a big affair.

Sperry Landed His Man.

Detective Ezra C. Sperry is home from
Cincinnati, where he was the leading
witness in a criminal prosecution
against William Kennedy, a ticket
scalper. Kennedy was found guilty and
fined \$200. In default of payment he
was sent to jail, where he will remain
until he does pay it. Mr. Sperry did
some very clever detective work in the
case and to him is due the successful
prosecution of Kennedy.

Gets Handsome Christmas Present.

Robert Shuttleworth thinks pretty
well of No. 19 and is proud of the hand-
some pedestal and vase in the show
window of Wells & Haymaker's drug
store. Mr. Shuttleworth in competition
with others became the owner of it
Wednesday night.

FINE FOWLS ARE ON SHOW

AT THE FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBI-
TION OF THE CLARKSBURG
POULTRY ASSOCIATION BEING
HELD IN THE CITY.

POULTRY MEN FROM ALL OVER
THE STATE ARE IN ATTENDANCE
AND DISPLAY MUCH INTEREST.

T. E. Orr, of Beaver, Pa., a Noted
Poultry Man, is the Judge-Director.
C. W. Gore Has Charge of the Exhibi-
tion--Public Invited to Attend.

The first annual exhibition of the
Clarksburg Poultry Association is be-
ing held in the store room in the Traders
building next door to the Traders
Grand opera house entrance on Third
street. The exhibition opened for a
three day's show Wednesday morning.

C. W. Gore, of this city, is the direc-
tor of the exhibition. T. E. Orr, of
Beaver, Pa., one of the most noted
poultry men of the country, who was
one of the poultry judges at the St.
Louis World's Fair, is the judge. He
arrived in time to be present at the
opening of the exhibition and is at
present busily engaged in judging the
exhibits. Arthur Goetsch, of West Mil-
ford, the president of the association
is in attendance and taking an active
interest in the show. W. H. Lewis, of
Clarksburg, who has a spreading reputa-
tion as an expert poultry fancier, is
filling his duties as secretary and treas-
urer of the association.

Most of the day Wednesday was
spent in getting the exhibits installed
properly and in judging them. On
Thursday and Friday a large attend-
ance of the public is expected. An ad-
mission fee of twenty-five cents is
charged to visitors but the members of
the association are admitted free.

Wednesday night there were about
two hundred birds entered on exhibi-
tion. They included a large exhibit of
Barred Plymouth Rocks, Black Braided
Red Game Bantams, White Wyandottes,
Buff Plymouth Rocks, the French Houn-
dants, Black Leghorns, Single Comb
Brown Leghorns, Shermans, Black
Langshans, White Plymouth Rocks,
Rhode Island Reds, Rose Comb Brown
Leghorns, Mammoth Bronze Turkeys,
Ducks, Homing Pigeons and Canary
Birds. Several other specimens will be
added to this list when all the exhibi-
its have been entered.

Among the poultry men who have
entered exhibits and who are in at-
tendance at the exhibition are G. W.
Swisher, of Rockford; Arthur Goetsch,
of West Milford; Clarence Reed, of Lost
Creek; G. W. Stout, of Rockford; A. J.
Marple, of Lawrence, Upshur county;
E. S. Swisher, of Lost Creek; Dr. L. N.
Korrmann, of Clarksburg; J. W. Gerrard,
Wilkinson; I. J. Curry, of Grafton; J. B.
Martin, of Gypsy; H. B. Serrano, of
Grafton, and W. L. Hummel, of
Salem.

An interesting exhibit of White Leg-
horn pullets and cockerels has been en-
tered by the West Virginia Experiment-
al Station, at Morgantown. Prof.
Horace Atwood, of the station, is in at-
tendance at the meeting. Prof. Atwood
says that considerable work has been
done in experimenting with the breed-
ing of fowls at the station during the
past year.

G. W. Swisher, of Rockford, has en-
tered some fine specimens of Houlans,
Buff Plymouth Rocks, Langshans and
Pekin Ducks. The ducks have won
prizes at several fairs in this state this
summer and fall.

Mr. Sheets, the president, has his
famous strain of Barred Plymouth
Rocks on exhibition. Mr. Sheets has
given great care and attention to this
species and has succeeded in producing
some of the best Plymouth Rocks in
the state.

E. S. Swisher, of Lost Creek, has en-
tered some very fine specimen of Rose
Comb Brown Leghorns. J. W. Gerrard,
of Wilsonburg, has entered some fine
Wyandottes. White and Buff Plymouth
Rocks have been entered by C. E. Reed,
of Lost Creek, and they are fine looking
fowls. Dr. Korrmann has ten excellent
Black Braided Game Bantams entered.
G. W. Stout, of Rockford, has an un-
usually good selection of fowls of dif-
ferent species entered. The Indian
Sova ducks entered by Frank Foye are
attracting much attention, as they are
something of a curiosity. Earl Sheets,
son of President Sheets, has entered
some fine carrier pigeons. A. J. Marple,
of Upshur county, has entered several
fine specimens of the mammoth bronze
turkeys.

The Manson Campbell Company, of
Detroit, Mich., manufacturers of in-
cubators, brooders, etc., have an inter-

esting exhibit which is under the direc-
tion of G. A. Harold, of Marietta, O.
The poultry men in attendance are
greatly interested in the judging of the
exhibits by Mr. Orr. During the time
he judges the fowls he describes the
specimens minutely, points out their
good points and their faults, and in fact
gives unceasingly an interesting and
educating lecture all the while he works.
One who listens to Mr. Orr for a moment
can tell that he is an expert in that
line.

Just before the closing hour Wednes-
day night Judge Orr and Prof. Atwood
briefly addressed the members of the
association and a number of visitors,
the former giving a general talk on
poultry raising and the latter telling
of the work being done along this line
at the Experimental Station.

The association extends a cordial in-
vitation to all persons interested in
poultry raising to attend the exhibition.

COLUMBUS HAS FIRE

Which Destroys Nearly Quarter of a
Million Dollars' Worth of Property
--Five Firemen Injured By
Gas Explosion.

By Associated Press.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22--A \$225,000
fire on High street, near Broad, started
in the Mitchell building in the rear of
the First National Bank. The second,
third and fourth floors were occupied by
fifteen families.

The fire soon spread to Kraus, Butler
& Benham Company's carpet store, then
to the Wheeler grocery.

Fire firemen were hurt by a gas ex-
plosion. Losses estimate, Mitchell building, \$50-
000; Wheeler building, \$10,000; Dasher
building, \$10,000; Kraus, Butler & Ben-
ham, \$100,000; First National Bank by
water, \$10,000; Mifflin Clothing Co., \$10-
000, and Parisian Cloak Co., \$15,000.

EDITOR SMITH IS OUT

Brilliant Young Journalist Quits Park-
ersburg News--Major Elliott is
His Successor.

Charles Brooks Smith, who has so
brilliantly edited the Parkersburg News
the past several years, has resigned his
position and Major Charles D. Elliott
has been elected his successor, as well as
business manager of the paper. Mrs.
F. Kent Loomis was elected a director
to fill the vacancy caused by the death
of her husband and was also chosen
secretary of the company.

AFFIRMED

Was the Judgment of the Lower Court
in the Stout-Sands Appeal Case
From Harrison County.

Among the cases handed down by the
state supreme court this week at
Charleston is that of Stout against
Sands from this county. The judg-
ment of the lower court was affirmed,
the opinion being delivered by Poffen-
berger, president of the court. There
are no other Harrison county cases in
the list handed down.

Good Producer At Sale.

In the Salem district (in this county
the South Penn Oil Company has com-
pleted its No. 3 on the Rachel Carpen-
ter farm and has a 30 barrel producer
in the Gordon sand. The second test
in the D. M. Griffin farm is through-
out the Gordon and has filled up only 100
feet with oil. No. 3, on the Andrew
Spidle farm is drilling at 13 feet in the
Gordon and has a light showing of oil.

Hay Memorial Chapel Burns.

By Associated Press.
SIMSBURY, Conn., Dec. 22--The Hay
memorial chapel built in 1902 by Secre-
tary Hay in memory of his son, Adolphus,
was burned yesterday. The loss is \$12-
500, with very little insurance.

Roosevelt to Visit Richmond.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 22--Presi-
dent Roosevelt has accepted an invita-
tion to visit the city of Richmond, Va.,
some time during the coming year.

Banks Will Close.

As the laws of this state provide that
when a legal holiday comes on Sunday
the following Monday shall be observed,
the banks of this city will close Monday
December 26, and Monday, January 2.

Fair Directors Will Organize.

The fair directors will hold a meet-
ing the second day of January to or-
ganize by the election of officers for the
coming year and the appointment
of standing committees.

OPEN HOUSE OBSERVED

AT THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL,
CELEBRATING THE VAST AND
COSTLY IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

HUNDREDS OF GUESTS OF HONOR
DINE AND WINE TO THEIR
HEART'S SUPREME CONTENT.

Transformation Makes Hotel a Place of
Beauty and a Joy Forever--New Man-
agement Will Conduct It in Most
Modern and Genteel Manner.

Celebrating the opening of the Metro-
politan hotel, after many handsome and
costly improvements had been made and
the installation of a thoroughly modern
system, as well as the inauguration of
a new management, "open house" was
observed at the hotel Wednesday night,
and hundreds of Clarksburg citizens
were guests of honor.

Messrs. Walter F. Rau and E. P.
Davis, who compose the new ownership
under the name, the Rau-Davis Hotel
Company, most heartily welcomed the
many guests and personally saw that
their visit was not only pleasant but
supremely delightful. A spread fit for
the king was graciously and elegantly
served to all with that great generosity
and hospitality characteristic of these
gentlemen. The guests were
kind and kind to their hearts' content
with all the good things of the earth,
and the evening was one worthy of long
remembrance because of the delights and
pleasures it brought.

An orchestra composed of a number
of the leading musicians furnished ap-
propriate music throughout the evening.

The hotel has undergone a trans-
formation that makes it a thing of
beauty and a joy forever. The kitchen
has been brought from the second story
to the rear of the street floor and made
thoroughly modern in every respect, so
that it is not surpassed anywhere. The
dining room occupies the space former-
ly devoted to a pool and billiard room
and is spacious. It is handsomely car-
peted and richly decorated in most
modern artistic designs. Mahogany
tables and chairs have been installed
and a Peerless piano furnishes music.
Handsome and costly sets of dishes,
china and silverware have been purchas-
ed at an enormous expenditure. In fact
every possible outlay has been made to
make the dining room a place of com-
fort, convenience and good cheer.

In addition to these an elegant ladies'
finishing room upstairs has been fitted up
at almost unlimited expense until it is
a place where the elite may go with the
assurance of pleasure and supreme de-
light.

Messrs. Rau and Davis have gone to
an expense of thousands of dollars in
making these elaborate improvements
with a view to serving the general pub-
lic in the most acceptable way and the
highest moral manner. They announce
to the public that the hotel will not
only be run on the most modern plan
but that it will also be conducted in the
most genteel way.

These gentlemen show themselves
worthy of hearty patronage and the
Telegram feels at liberty to say they
will not be disappointed in their ex-
pectations.

Visits His Old Home.

Dr. J. W. Wilson, the very efficient
superintendent of the Harrison County
hospital, leaves today for Baltimore, his
former home, for a visit of ten days.
Dr. Wilson has conducted the hospital
with great success the six months he
has been its superintendent and has giv-
ing it such close attention and applica-
tion that he deserves this short vacation.

Will Go To New Home.

Mrs. Thomas Pettigrew and son,
Charles, will leave for their new home
in Duluth, Minn., Wednesday next.
Charles, who has been seriously ill with
appendicitis having undergone an opera-
tion in a local hospital, has about re-
covered. Both are the guests of Mrs.
Pettigrew's sister, Mrs. J. W. Williams,
in West Main street.

Public Schools Close Tomorrow.

The public schools will close tomor-
row for the Christmas holiday vacation.
The adjournment will be made at the
close of the afternoon session. The
vacation lasts until Tuesday, January
3, when the schools will convene again.

Will Treat Pupils.

Joseph Barnett and L. E. Barnett,
teachers at the Sand Hill school, near
the city, have purchased a lot of fine
candies for a Christmas treat they will
give the pupils tomorrow afternoon.

EMPLOYEES MAKE PRESENT

To Mr. Dawson of Handsome Kind As
Token of Their High Esteem As He
Retires From Position Here.

Hal Dawson has resigned from the
superintendency of the mechanical de-
partment of the Hazel-Atlas glass fac-
tory, which he filled so competently, to
accept a similar position in Rochester,
Pa., at a much more handsome salary.

Wednesday afternoon at the factory
the employees presented Mr. Dawson a
solid gold watch chain and charm as a
token of the high esteem in which he
is held by them. Robert Good in well
chosen remarks made the presentation
speech.

Overcome with emotion and taken
wholly by surprise Mr. Dawson was but
expressed his appreciation of their
good will in a few words of much feel-
ing.

Mr. Dawson will leave tonight to as-
sume the duties of his new position.

Arranging For Miss Holland.

J. W. Fellows, of New York, the
business manager of the Mifflin Hol-
land Company, was in the city Wednes-
day conferring with the management
of the Traders Grand open house and
making arrangements for the appear-
ance of Miss Holland and company in
this city on Dec. 29. Miss Holland is
starring in "The Triumph of an Em-
press," an elaborate production that has
played to capacity houses everywhere
in the New England states. It will no
doubt be largely attended in Clarks-
burg.

Showalter Will Be There.

State Commander C. C. Showalter, of
the Knights of the Maccabees of West
Virginia, and possibly one of the Su-
preme Tent officers from Port Huron,
Mich., will be present at the meeting
of Clarksburg Tent, No. 19, to be held
in the K. of P. hall Friday night. The
meeting will be very important one
and all of the members are requested to
attend.

"GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS"

Has Been Booked For Appearance At
the Traders Grand Opera House On
Thursday, January 6.

William A. Brady's big musical
comedy in "Girls Will Be Girls," com-
ing to the Traders Grand on Thursday, Jan.
6.

The play was brilliantly successful on
the road last season and has just closed
a highly successful engagement at
the 14th Street Theatre, New York,
where it played to crowded houses for
six weeks.

One of the most interesting points of
this production is the appearance of Al
Leach as a star at the head of the
Brady company. For ten years Leach
and his "Roads" have been headlin-
ers in vaudeville and have been counted
among the most popular favorites in
variety houses.

"Girls Will Be Girls" was written by
R. Melville Baker and Joseph Hart with
several musical numbers added this
season by A. B. Sloane, composer of
"Sageant Kitty," "The Mocking Bird,"
"Cupid & Co." and a host of popular
songs. The piece is filled with scree-
mily funny lines, features and novelties.
Al Leach and the three Roadends carry
the burden of the fun-making support-
ed by a clever and peculiarly attractive
company, including a large number of
beautiful girls whose ability in both
song and dance is said to be very far
above the standard of the average musical
comedy chorus.

There are more than thirty musical
numbers in the play, including a pretty
Japanese specialty, "Moy O San," and
some spectacular bits.

CANTATA

On Mother Goos, Order and Elaborate
Scale Will Be Given By First
Presbyterian Sunday School.

The Sunday school at the First Pres-
byterian church will give an elaborate
Mother Goose cantata in the church on
Monday night in the nature of a Christ-
mas entertainment. An interesting
program is being arranged and the can-
tata will be one of the prettiest within
the history of the city. Fuller an-
nouncement will be made as soon as all
details are looked after, which will be
within the next day or so.

Fails To Be a Soldier.

Harry C. Lamar wanted to be a sol-
dier. So he applied Wednesday at the
local recruiting station for enlistment,
but he did not fill the requirements and
was rejected.

TRIBUTE IS PAID TO MINTER

HOLD-OVER MEMBERS OF COUNTY
COURT EXPRESS THEIR REGRET
OVER HIS RETIREMENT.

TOUCHING RESOLUTION ADOPTED
AND ORDERED TO BE SPREAD ON
COURT'S RECORDS.

Captain Guinn Minter Completes His
Term of Six Years As County
Commissioner--Has Served the People
Faithfully and Well--Other Court
Matters.

The December term of the county
court adjourned Wednesday afternoon
last. This was the last regular
term of the present commissioners, al-
though it is possible a special term of
a day or so will be held before January
1, at which time the tenure of office of
the new court will begin. The retiring
member of the court is Captain Guinn
Minter, who has served the people so
efficiently and faithfully the past six
years and who leaves the office with the
high esteem of his associates, and com-
mands the respect of the people gener-
ally for the careful manner in which
he has ever guarded their interests. It
was a fitting tribute that his associates
on the court bench should offer and pass
the following resolution just before the
regular term ended:

"On motion of J. D. Bassell and S. S.
Farris, commissioners, the following res-
olution was passed and adopted and or-
dered spread upon the records of this
court:

"Whereas, Captain Guinn Minter, of
Union district, was elected in November,
1898, a commissioner of this court for
the term of six years, during which
time he has served faithfully and dili-
gently as such commissioner, discharg-
ing his duties honestly, impartially and
with fairness to all, keeping constantly
a mind his obligations to the people
and carefully guarding their interests,
it is hereby resolved, that the court
take this opportunity to express its
appreciation of his services and of his
unselfish in the matters that have come
before this court for consideration, and
to further express its regret at having
be deprived of his services and assis-
tance in the capacity of commissioner."
Captain Minter will be succeeded by
J. Frank Randall, of Shinnston, who
was elected at the recent election by a
large majority.

The pool and billiard house of Wal-
ter F. Rau was transferred to the Rau-
Davis Hotel Company.

Fletcher Robinson was appointed road
surveyor in Eagle district, vice James
C. Griffin, resigned.

H. R. Serrano was exonerated of tax
on a building on a lot at Shinnston.

An exoneration was allowed J. H. C.
Lang on \$1,430; also one was allowed
to Lee Lang on \$600.

The yearly salary of the prosecuting
attorney was fixed at \$1,000. Hereto-
fore it was \$800, but the business of the
office has grown so that the court
seemed it but right that the prosecuting
attorney should be better paid for his
services.

An exoneration was allowed Millie
M. Shaw.

Last fall in extending the annual
levy for Simpson district a mistake was
made in the rate for the school building
and. The board fixed it at 8 1/3 cents
but it appears on the sheriff's receipts
at 25 cents. The court passed an order
exonerating the sheriff from the col-
lection of this tax beyond the amounts
the 8 1/3 cent rate affords, and it was
the sense of the court that all who
have already paid their taxes should
come before the court and receive re-
funding orders for the extra amount
they have paid.

Church Improvements.

The congregation at the Trinity
Methodist church on Ben street, having
just finished the outer structure of the
handsome new edifice and made tempo-
rary arrangements within, contemplates
extensive interior improvements in the
near future and not later than next